



# St. MARY'S

## Pre-School

Established 1958



### Some of what we did this week.

- We planted flowers and seeds and talked about what makes plants grow.
- We made Pikelets.
- Celebrated a birthday and got to wear our special birthday hats that we had made.
- We learnt about nocturnal animals.
- We made & cut shapes to make a house picture.
- We made water channels and made boats to sail down them.
- We read Jack & the Beanstalk.
- We experimented with and mixed all the colours of the rainbow.
- We spent time playing in our nature garden and caring for our vegetable garden.

## About St Mary's Pre-School

St Mary's is a sessional community kindergarten that offers high quality pre-school education to both three and four-year old children. The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and the Victorian Early Years Learning Developmental Framework (VEYLDF) underpin our programs.

Our children progress to many of the local primary schools including St Finbar's, Brighton Primary, Brighton Beach, St Joan of Arc and Bentleigh West.

## Our philosophy to learning

Our committed and highly experienced teachers create an exciting and stimulating learning environment for young minds.

We believe that through learning to play, we're learning to grow. By encouraging curiosity & confidence in children, we lay the foundation for a love of learning and skills that lasts a lifetime.

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## 2023 Sessions

### Possum - 3 year old group

Tuesday: 8.30am – 4.00pm  
Thursday: 8.30am – 4.00pm

### Penguin - 4 year old group (15 Hours)

#### Group A

Monday & Wednesday: 8.30am – 4.00pm

#### Group B

Monday & Friday: 8.30am – 4.00pm

#### Group C

Wednesday & Friday: 8.30am – 4.00pm

### AfterCare (optional)

Monday & Wednesday: 4.00pm - 5.30pm



## 2023 Free Kinder

**NOTE: Both 3 and 4 year old programs are 15 hours funded**

St Mary's Pre School has opted into the Victorian Government's Free Kinder initiative for 2023 only. Due to this, we will be asking for voluntary donations from all families to ensure continued access to a quality program for all children. A \$200 deposit is required to secure your child's application upon acceptance of an offered position.

\$20 per session, payable each term. i.e. over a 10 week term, for two sessions a week, fee is \$400.

Additional fees may be asked for Excursions

## Important Information

### Age Requirements

#### 3 Year Olds

Under new funding rules, children are only eligible to complete one year of 3 year old kindergarten. If your child is born between Jan – May 2020 we strongly recommend a discussion regarding your child's readiness with our teaching staff.

To help you determine if your child is ready, please refer to the following link:

*Information relating to Kinder Readiness*  
[www.bayside.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

Children enrolling for a three-year-old program must turn three by the 30 April of the year they attend. Due to staff:child regulations based on age, a child cannot commence at the service until they have turned three years old.

*Enrol for 2024 - Born before 1 May 2021*

#### 4 Year Olds

Children enrolling for a four-year-old program must turn four by the 30 April of the year they attend. A child may start four-year-old kindergarten at the commencement of the kindergarten year even if they have not yet turned four.

*Enrol for 2024 - Born before 1 May 2020*

### Key Dates

#### 1st May – 30th June 2023

Families are to complete their kindergarten registration via link at the Bayside City Council [www.bayside.vic.gov.au/services/children-and-family/register-kindergarten](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/services/children-and-family/register-kindergarten)

#### July 2023

Receive an offer from the Bayside City Council and finalise your enrolment with St Mary's Pre School. Notification of an offer will be emailed to you on the 24th of July 2023.

#### October/November 2023

Parent welcome night and orientation sessions.



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